

FSILG Building Move-Outs

Undergraduate FSILG Resident Guidance | March 11, 2020

1. Why is MIT requiring that undergraduate students move out of the FSILGs?

While the current risk level associated with COVID-19 is low, MIT is taking action out of an abundance of caution to help ensure the health and safety of the entire campus community by requiring undergraduate residents to move out of on-campus housing and FSILGs. As President Reif noted [in an e-mail to the MIT community](#) this week, the MIT community has a significant role to play in the concerted public health response to this regional, national and global threat.

2. When will I be required to move out?

Undergraduates who live on campus and FSILGs must begin packing and moving out of their residences. You will be required to leave **by noon on Tuesday, March 17**. See Question 6 on the process for requesting an exception. If you plan to depart prior to the end of classes this week, please contact your [Student Support Services \(S3\)](#) for assistance with any academic support you may need.

3. Will I be allowed to move back into my FSILG this semester?

MIT will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions, but you should pack and leave campus as if you will not return this semester. After the move-out deadline, students who remain in an FSILG but do not have an official MIT-granted exception may be subject to disciplinary action.

4. What should I take with me when moving out?

Please remove all items you will need to complete the remainder of the semester away from campus, as well as all important paperwork (i.e. passport, ID's etc.). Moving boxes are being provided to each FSILG to assist students with packing. All non-essential items needed for your return home can be left in your FSILG. To aid in health and safety efforts, please pack up your items, label the box and leave them in your room. Dispose of all food items (perishable and packaged) from your room in the trash. Please leave personal refrigerators unplugged with the door open to defrost. Dispose of all trash in room and building into the house dumpster.

5. If I'm currently registered with the Student Disability Services Office and require additional assistance with moving, what should I do?

Please contact das-student@mit.edu and the staff in the Disability and Access Services Office will work with the FSILG Office to assist you with your needs.

6. Who should I contact with questions about my move-out?

Specific questions regarding move-out logistics within an FSILG may be directed to the FSILG Office. The entire staff in the FSILG Office will be working collaboratively to share important details with residents, and to help guide the entire FSILG community through this challenging but necessary situation. You may also e-mail fsilg-office@mit.edu.

7. If I'm unable to move out by the required date, what do I do?

Limited exceptions will be considered to allow certain undergraduate students to remain on campus.

Exceptions **may** include:

- International students who have concerns that they would not be allowed to return to MIT due to visa issues.
- International students who will have difficulty returning to their home country if it has been [hard-hit by COVID-19](#).
- Students who do not have a home to go to, or for whom going home would be unsafe given the circumstances of their home country or homelife.

To request an exception, you must complete [this short form](#) by noon on Friday, March 13. There is a large group of student support staff within the Division of Student Life and the Office of the Vice Chancellor who will be reviewing each submission and responding within 24 hours. They will either answer your questions, address your concerns, or get you to the right person who can help. As hard as it is, though, we do need all undergraduate students to make plans to pack their belongings and travel home, or to another location off-campus, by March 17, 2020.

8. Will the dining halls continue to serve meals?

Our five dining halls will remain open on their regular schedules until the end of dinner on Tuesday, March 17. The pick-lunch location in Walker Memorial will close at the end of service on Thursday, March 12.

MIT Dining will be assessing conditions for eateries across campus and may make schedule changes as needed. Please note that the Student Center will close at 9 pm on Tuesday, March 17 and be accessible only to community members with valid staff, faculty, student, or affiliate IDs from 7 am to 9 pm starting on Wednesday, March 18.

TechMart in Walker Memorial will close on Sunday, March 15 at 7 pm, and relocate to the Coffeehouse Lounge on the third floor of the Student Center. TechMart is anticipated to reopen on Thursday, March 19, and the new store hours will be Monday – Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. Purchases can be made by credit card, debit card, and TechCash only.

The Howard Dining Hall in Maseeh Hall will open for modified brunch and dinner service starting at 10 am on Wednesday, March 18. Brunch will be served from 10 am to 1 pm daily. Dinner will open at 5 pm and close at 8 pm daily.

We want to make sure that students remaining on campus will not experience food insecurity. If you want to request meal swipes, please visit [this site](#) for more information.

9. Will I have access to boxes to assist with move-out?

Yes. The FSILG Office has secured boxes for the FSILGs. They are currently being stored in the [FSILG Cooperative, Inc. \(FCI\)](#). FSILGs should have 4-5 members arrange to visit the FCI Office located in W20-020 on March 12 and March 13 from 10:00am – 6:00pm. Questions regarding the move-out logistics from your FSILG may be directed to the FSILG Office.

10. What is the room check-out process?

For most FSILGs, please work with your Alumni House Corporation on the best way to move out of the building. If you are a member of Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha Theta or Pi Beta Phi, the FSILG Office will communicate directly with your leadership to specific check out processes. Regardless of FSILG, please complete this [housing intent form](#).

11. Will I have access to summer storage for my belongings?

Please work with your FSILG Leadership and Alumni House Corporation on exact summer storage processes for your individual house. Undergraduate students are encouraged to ship belongings home where possible. Please note that students storing items during the summer do so at their own risk.

12. How is MIT handling financial aid, housing, dining, and other student life fees?

For students leaving on-campus or FSILG housing, we will refund the actual costs for housing and meal plan on a pro-rated basis. Additionally, we will refund half the spring semester student life fee. There will be no adjustments to financial aid associated with these changes.

Furthermore, we will reduce the amount we expect students to earn through a term-time job on a pro-rated basis and cover that amount with additional MIT Scholarship.

13. Will summer 2020 housing be available?

The proliferation of COVID-19 remains a fluid situation. Decisions regarding summer housing options have not been finalized. Once this information is available, updates will be shared with students interested in summer housing.

14. If I'm graduating this spring, will I be allowed to move back to campus for graduation?

Given how fluid the situation is, we have not made a determination about whether this year's Commencement celebrations will proceed as planned. We will monitor Covid-19 developments closely and let you know as soon as we have enough information to decide.

15. Will MIT assist with any move-out costs that I may incur?

MIT is committed to supporting students navigating this difficult and unanticipated situation. Students who are facing significant financial hardship are encouraged to indicate this on the Undergraduate Form to Request Permission to Remain on Campus [e-mailed to undergraduate students](#). Cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.

16. What if I have a service or emotional support animal, or live with an [approved pet](#)?

Animals must accompany their owners. Any resident in need of additional assistance with coordinating their move-out with an animal are encouraged to contact the FSILG Office.

17. May I invite guests to stay over with me in the FSILG?

No. Overnight guests in the FSILGs, including family and relatives, will not be permitted until further notice.

18. Will I be required to move to a new location if I receive an exception to the move-out?

Protecting the health and safety of our community is MIT's top priority. Residents who have received an official MIT-approved exception to remain in their FSILG will not be required to move to another location at this time. The FSILG Office will work with MIT Medical and other campus partners to determine what is in the best interest of community health.

19. Will there be any assistance with traveling to Logan Airport?

The Parking and Transportation Office will provide free shuttle service to Logan Airport on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17. Shuttles will be available at scheduled times and advance reservations are required. [Visit the shuttles page](#) to learn more, and to reserve a seat.